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1. DCM AND ZAMISH CHEIF DECEMBER 2 PRESENTED DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) TO MAJOR GENERAL MOLONGYA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ZAIRE'S DEPT. OF DEFENSE, STRESSING THIS WAS EFFORT OF USG TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO GOZ REQUEST CONTAINED IN HIS OCTOBER 11, 1974 MEMORANDUM. MOLONGYA READ DRAFT TOR, SEEMED TO HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS, AND SAID HE WOULD CONSULT PRESIDENT MOBUTU ASAP.

2. BULK OF MEETING WAS TAKEN UP WITH MOLONGYA'S PROBING TO SEE IF ADDITIONAL FMS CREDITS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. HE MADE IT CLEAR GOZ URGENTLY NEEDED SIX ADDITIONAL C-130'S YET DID NOT CURRENTLY HAVE FOREIGN EXCHANGE WHICH WOULD PERMIT SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT WITH LOCKHEED. HE ASKED IF USG COULD MAKE AVAILABLE SIX C-130'S UNDER ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE IN 10 OR 15 YEARS. ZAMISH CHEIF INDICATED C-130 SALES A COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION
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AND THAT DRAFT CONTRACT NOW BEFORE DEPT OF DEFENSE

BEST ERMS AVAILABLE. DCM NOTED ONE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURER HAD DISCUSSED PURCHASE OF COPPER WITH GOZ. MOLONGYA INDICATED PROBLEMS WITH SALES OF FUTURE PRODUCTION OF COPPER.

3. MOLONGYA ALSO PROBED FOR US CRITERIA IN DECIDING WHICH COUNTRIES RECEIVE WHICH AMOUNTS OF FMS CREDITS. DCM AND ZAMISH CHEIF REVIEWED \$40 MILLION CONGRESSIONAL CEILING AND NOTED: (A) GOZ HAD EXHAUSTED ITS \$3.5 MILLION ALLOTMENT FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR; AND (B) NO COMMITMENT COULD BE MADE CONCERNING NEXT FY PENDING CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

4. MOLONGYA IN EFFECT ASKED IF GOZ, AS RESULT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS, DECIDES TO PURCHASE US MILITARY EQUIPMENT, WHERE WILL CREDITS COME FROM? IN ORDER TO AVOID RAISING FALSE HOPES, DCM READ PARA C(4) OF DRAFT TOR THAT SENDING OF TEAM CANNOT BE TAKEN TO IMPLY ANY SUBSEQUENT INCREASE IN US MILITARY AID TO ZAIRE.

5. COMMENT: MOLONGYA'S MESSAGE WAS LOUD AND CLEAR: ZAIRE'S URGENT NEED FOR CONCESSIONARY FINANCING TO PURCHASE MODERN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY ADDITIONAL C-130'S. THE FACT THAT ZAIRE'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE PINCH IS SO SEVERE AS TO PRECLUDE SIGNATURE OF CONTRACT FOR EVEN THREE C-130'S DOES NOT AUGER WELL ON EVE OF MOBUTU'S DEPARTURE FOR PYONGYANG WHERE NORTH KOREANS ARE KNOWN TO BE EAGER TO PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE (EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING) ON A CONCESSIONARY TERMS.
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